

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2013  
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

**Flag Salute; Silent Prayer**

**Sunshine Law:** The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to ***The Record*** and the ***Ridgewood News***, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

**Roll Call:** Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present  
Councilman Carrick-absent

Mayor: James Kelly

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked about the benefits to be paid due to the retirement of the Police Chief and was it identified in past years. He also inquired about the liability for retirement of officials in the future. He asked how many other officials are expected to retire and if money is set aside for it in the budget.

Mayor Kelly explained that the way the Chief will be paid, over three years, saves the Borough approximately \$50,000. It is very difficult to determine who is planning to retire but it might be prudent to try to speculate and put some money aside in the future.

CFO Giotis responded that compensated absence liability (sheet 3d) is in the budget document.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

**Administrator's Report**

We are still dealing with FEMA for reimbursement for Hurricane Sandy. The cost to the Borough is close to \$480,000. In addition, we are still working with FEMA to recover \$103,000 from the 2011 storm.

Mr. Perkins had applied for reimbursement of money from the County that they were about to close out. We received \$112,561, which will be used for TwinBoro Field to recondition the hockey rink and for a flag pole. He asked Tomco for an estimate to mill and pave the

parking lot. We would have to go out to bid for this project. The dirt from the NJEIT II project has been removed from the hockey rink.

We will be facilitating a meeting with PSE&G to discuss upgrades which will include 24k to 69k and structural improvements to their Veterans Plaza facility. They will have to go before the Joint Land Use Board for approval.

Monmouth University Polling Institute and the Graduate Program in Public Policy conducted a project to examine how New Jersey municipalities use their website to inform citizens, provide service and encourage public engagement. Of the 540 municipal websites, Dumont's website is being recognized at an awards dinner at Monmouth University March 21<sup>st</sup>. Special thanks to Sue Connelly and Kathy Schaefer.

Mr. Perkins compiled a lengthy report, which was sent home in the Council's packets, as to how future communications should be addressed during major events. Included was information on Code Red and other companies.

Dave Helfrich from the Department of Environmental Protection conducted an inspection of the NJEIT Phase II material project as well as contract documents to ensure the project is in compliance with the requirements of the construction documents and loan agreement and state regulations. Upon completion of the inspection he found no irregularities.

The Borough received \$8,641.50 for recycling material in January.

### **Council Committee Reports**

- Councilman Brophy

#### *Finance*

At the last meeting it was reported that the budget would come in at about \$211 per average household. The budget is being introduced tonight at \$218. Through operational cuts and use of surplus, the amount had been reduced to the high 80's. After nine meetings and another round of cuts and use of an additional \$73,000 in surplus the municipal increase is now \$66.32 per \$307,000 average home. Compared to other towns in the County the finance committee was very aggressive. Several items came up at meetings Councilman Brophy would like to pose to the rest of the Council for consideration. The Councilman asked for a consensus as to whether to give a 2% increase to part-time employees in addition to full-time employees. The question came up because some employees have a full-time position in addition to a part-time position. It was the consensus to give them the 2%. Another item is reduction in force in multiple departments-police department, recreation coordinator, outsourcing the Ethics Board to the State and outsourcing the welfare department to the County. Councilman Brophy pointed out that the 7% decrease in BCUA fees helped reduce the budget amount. We can't be certain of this figure in future years; therefore these other suggestions were brought up for consideration.

Councilman Stylianou said that at the public school board meeting there was discussion with school parents about additional security following the Connecticut shooting. The residents present wanted additional security which, in his opinion, cannot be provided if there is a reduction in the Police Department.

Mr. Perkins explained that after surplus, the committee had to drop \$593,000 just to get to the 2%. We are now at \$66.32, which is good. The public hearing is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Kelly stated that we are losing one police officer and will be renegotiating a new contract with the new chief so hopefully we can save money there as well. He commended those involved with the budget.

Councilwoman Zamechansky also commended the Committee, Mr. Perkins and Ms. Giotis for the work they did on the budget.

- Councilman Hayes

#### *Joint Land Use Board*

They met February 26<sup>th</sup>; two formal hearings were on the agenda. St. Mary's senior housing parking issue was one-they gave out more permits than spaces available. Once someone moves out, a permit will not be issued to the new tenant until they get to the allotted twenty-five permits.

The other hearing was 29 W. Quackenbush; the area is zoned light commercial as well as residential. It was originally a two family, which was converted to a one family and they now wish to convert it back to a two family. The Board granted them a variance.

The Chairman has reported complaints regarding escrow amounts residents have to submit; perhaps there could be a sliding scale according to the complexity of the request.

- Councilman Riquelme

No report

- Councilman Stylianou

#### *Board of Education*

He attended the last school board meeting. They are working on their budget. A public meeting is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> to present their budget.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

#### *Board of Health*

Their quarterly meeting was scheduled for last night but there was no quorum present. It has been nine months since there was a quorum. A letter will be sent to board members to determine whether they are interested in staying on the Board.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kelly congratulated Chief Venezio on his impending retirement.

### **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Paster reported that there were several inquiries regarding NJEIT Phase II project. The TwinBoro Field Deed Notice will be finalized. That project can then be closed out. We are waiting for insurance and bond information from the company awarded the DPW generator bid. Then a notice to proceed will be issued.

**Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#13-61 Approval of St. John's Columbiettes On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held April 7, 2013; ID# 109-6-7021; RL#383 \*

#13-62 Approval of St. John's Columbiettes On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held April 7, 2013; ID# 109-6-7021; RL#384 \*

#13-63 Approval of St. Mary's On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held June 5, 2013 through June 8, 2013; ID#109-1-471; RL#380 \*

#13-64 Approval of St. Mary's Off-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held June 5, 2013 through June 8, 2013; ID#109-1-471, RL#381 \*

- #13-65 Approval of St. Mary's Carnival Games Raffle to be held June 5, 2013 through June 8, 2013; ID#109-1-471, RL#382 \*
- #13-66 Approval of Vantage Health System On-premise Merchandise Raffle, which was held October 24, 2012; ID#109-437166; RL#379 \*
- #13-67 Approval of Hiring of Four DPW Seasonal Employees-\$10.00 per hour \*
- #13-68 Authorization of Execution of Tree City USA Recertification Application by the Mayor \*
- #13-69 Approval of Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force \* There is no cost associated with this.
- #13-70 Appointment of Christopher Martin Esq. of the firm Morrison Mahoney, as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor \* Councilman Stylianou stated that Chris Martin does a very good job. Mr. Paster agreed.
- #13-71 Chief Brian Venezia-Acceptance of Letter of Intent to Retire \* Councilman Hayes asked if the number of vacation and sick days were checked. Mr. Perkins responded they were.
- #13-72 Captain Joseph Faulborn-Authorization to Assume Position of Officer in Charge \*
- #13-74 Approval of Prado Limousine Service LLC to Operate Business in Dumont \*
- #13-75 Approval of DHS Athletic Boosters On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held May 4, 2013; ID#109-5-24823; RL#385 \*
- Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy
- Second: Councilman Hayes
- All in favor.
- Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou
- Second: Councilman Brophy
- All in favor.
- Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky
- Second: Councilman Brophy
- Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

## **ORDINANCES**

### ***First Reading***

**#1452** Ordinance amending Chapter 21, Section 5 - traffic and parking of the Dumont code- no person shall park any vehicle on the streets of the Borough between 2:00am and 6:00am from October 15 through April 15.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilman Stylianou understands this needs to be implemented but it causes parking problems for residents.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

**#1453** Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limit and Establish Cap Bank

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

**General Order of Business**

**#13-73 Introduction of the 2013 Municipal Budget**

Councilman Stylianou would like to discuss more fully the items on the Finance Committee's punch list. The Mayor suggested any council members with input or questions should reach out to members of the Finance Committee. Mr. Perkins will supply a dollar number savings pertaining to personnel as of April 1<sup>st</sup> so they would be able to make an informed decision.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolution #73: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public for General Comment: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

The Mayor stated that the March 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting has been changed to March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss Personnel-Police Department.

Motion: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to return to public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk